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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HANS HEINLE et al.)	Group Art Unit 3613
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Serial No. 09/758,538)	
)	Examiner Melody M. Burch
Filed: January 11, 2001)	
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For: LIQUID FRICTION CLUTCH)	Attorney Docket 1-22914

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

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REMARKS

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The Examiner rejected Claim 12 as being obvious in view of the combined teachings of the Katoh et al. and Vöcklinghaus references. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 12 defines the invention as a drive for cooling fans in motor vehicles that includes a primary cooling circuit (3) and at least two secondary cooling circuits (5, 6). The filling of the working chamber (19) of the fluid friction clutch is controlled by a first control element (21) that opens and closes a first opening (20) in a separating member (18) depending on the temperature of the cooling air passing through the primary cooler (4). The filling of the working chamber (19) of the fluid